

GIRLS WHO DANCE WITH THE COLLIE DOGS



OF the twenty odd and novel stage dances that have followed the Oriental Gaiety theatre (London) company, which swept everything in this country some twenty years ago when Fred Leslie and Nellie Farren headed the company with dancers like Letty Lind, Sylvia Gray and others, whose gyrations in flowing accordion-pleated skirts

fairly carried this country by storm, none has been so novel a stage diversion as the collie ballet in "The Top O' the World," and this does not except the famous Peacock ballet in the Devil's Auction, the French quadrille dancers in "The Black Crook," the famous champagne dance in "The Silver Slipper," nor the wonderful ballet of live cockatoos in "The Twelve Temptations." The collie dogs in "The Top O' the World," which is

now playing at the Salt Lake theatre, are said to be the most wonderful animals ever seen and really do almost anything but talk. The girls pictured above are those that dance with the dogs, and are Katherine Wentworth, who dances with Major, Rita Walker with Raffles, Ethel Blackett with Teddy, Elsie Bates with Snowball, Marjorie Plimmer with Bob and Rae Bates with Dynamite.

IDAHO EXPERT IN OPTIMISTIC MOOD

Agriculturist Is Enthusiastic Over Prospects for Millard County Land Opening.

Alexander McPherson, head of the Idaho state farm for experimental purposes, was in Salt Lake last evening en route home from a visit to the irrigation project in Millard county, Utah. Mr. McPherson is most enthusiastic over this tract of land and says that the soil there is as fine as any in the country. "The soil in the tract under this new irrigation project in Millard county is excellent," said Mr. McPherson. "It has the quality to produce and is of good depth. The project is well under way, and I understand that it will be thrown open for entry next spring. The company is now engaged in laying out its townsite and boring tunnels for the canals, and will be in shape for the settlers by spring. Mr. McPherson is an expert agriculturist and was instructor at Twin Falls at the time of the opening. "Five years ago when the Twin Falls tract was opened the people would not believe the possibilities of the land," said Mr. McPherson. "Two years after the opening I produced at the experiment station 84 bushels of wheat to the acre and 131 bushels of oats. The farmers at that time would hardly believe it possible, but this year there was raised on the tract wheat averaging seventy-four bushels to the acre. This crop was taken from a field of forty-five acres. The Twin Falls tract of land is a success and the farmers there are as satisfied a lot of people as will be found anywhere in the country."

Started Right. "The success of this tract lies in the fact that the farmers were started out right and were given thorough instruction as to the best methods of irrigation. They have farmed along those lines and are getting results from their efforts. "Many of the farmers of the district have in the last year taken up the raising of sheep and dairy cattle and find it most profitable. There has been imported into Twin Falls considerable thoroughbred stock, and no finer horses can be found anywhere."

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Washington, Dec. 17.—Chang Yin Ting, the newly arrived Chinese minister, said today that conditions in China and Manchuria had greatly improved and that further program for prosperity and international amity was sure to follow. When he left China, he added, the relations of that country with the United States were better than ever before, the Chinese people and government had absolute confidence in the Americans, and they entertained no ulterior designs.

DAVID ECCLES OF OGDEN AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

(Special to The Herald-Republican.)
Washington, Dec. 17.—David Eccles of Ogdens is in Washington. He called upon the Utah senators today.

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AMUSEMENTS

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Salt Lake Theatre—Bailey & Austin in "The Top O' the World," 2:15 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Orpheum Theatre—Vaudeville, 2:15 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Colonial Theatre—"Human Hearts," 2:15 p. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Mission Theatre—Imperial vaudeville, 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m. and 9:30 p. m.

"THE TOP O' TH' WORLD."

One of the largest first night audiences of the season greeted "The Top O' the World" at the Salt Lake theatre last night. Every inch of the floor of the house was occupied and the galleries were crowded. Prominent people were seen in the stalls and boxes, and the Herald-Republican box was occupied by a happy group. The play is a musical extravaganza with a line of specialties and novel features that make it a unique production. The spectacular effects are exceptionally good, particularly those of the third and last scenes, when the Land of Illusia is pictured. Rapid stage business, clever songs and the effective work of the comedians combine to make this one of the most satisfactory performances of its class that has been shown here.

Bailey and Austin, a clever pair of comedians who are well-remembered in vaudeville, gave some original features and sang and danced to the full delight of the audience. Their entrance as Jack-in-the-Box and the Candy Kid was especially well done, and they kept up the facial makeup with many changes of costume. Their act with the friendly bear was one of the greatest mirth-provoking features of the night. The comedians introduced novelties that could hardly be excelled in their line of entertainment.

Florence Smith, as Kokomo, an Eskimo belle, contributed much to the pleasure of the audience by her effective songs. Her voice is light and clear, and she sang with abandon and ease. Charles Harris, in the role of Aurora Borealis, furnished some good fun. His songs, "Aurora from Aurora, Illinois," and "Jolly Old Tar," were particularly well received. Bobbie Roberts, as Maids, a little girl who grows up, was a favorite, and Francis Carrier, as Jack Frost, was enthusiastically applauded. The play is a comedy, and a cast of fourteen principals, there was a large company of singing and dancing performers. The effect in the final act was very fine. The costumes were varied and new, some of them, notably those of the Eskimo, being especially appropriate and handsome. The land of ice and snow was presented in colors of rose and green that created a real Illusia.

The play is in two acts, with four scenes: Kris Kringle's workshop in Xmas Land, a pass in the mountains, the palace of Aurora Borealis and a plaza in the city of Illusia. The little girl who wants to grow up; Stalacta who is chained to the pole; the Eskimo chief who wants to marry his daughter; a newspaper reporter, and an inventor, all seek the pole. The play is a comedy, and a cast of fourteen principals, there was a large company of singing and dancing performers. The effect in the final act was very fine. The costumes were varied and new, some of them, notably those of the Eskimo, being especially appropriate and handsome. The land of ice and snow was presented in colors of rose and green that created a real Illusia.

The whole production is on an elaborate scale and has an appearance of newness and freshness that is most attractive. "The Top O' the World" will be presented only twice more, at a matinee and evening performance Saturday. It is feared that this short engagement will hardly permit all who desire it to see the show.

ORPHEUM THEATRE.
"The Drums of Doom," a playlet in which Mrs. Reckhoff Tye created a sensation in London, will be the headline offering of the Orpheum bill, which will be presented for the week beginning tomorrow night. Miss Minnie Seligman and Walter Bramwell take the principal roles in the playlet. The present week's bill was introduced. The collie dogs that were a feature of one of the first act songs were among the lesser favorites.

COLONIAL THEATRE.
The last two performances of "Human Hearts" will be given today. There will be a matinee this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock and the closing performance will be given tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

"SWEET INNISFALLEN."
Bernard Daly in his new play, "Sweet Innisfallen," will soon appear here. Miss Amy Leslie of the Chicago Journal says of Mr. Daly, as Dan O'Hara in Joe Murphy's "Kerry Gow," "Bernard Daly, a clean-cut, like young man, with a lovely face, played the blacksmith in 'Kerry Gow' yesterday so well that it roused a wonder why he should not have moved toward the star house, where the Irish comedians thrive. As the blacksmith, Mr. Daly wields the sledge, not as if to the manner born, but he makes his horseshoe all right and sings besides melodiously." So says one of the best known of our critics, Amy Leslie. Bernard Daly will be at the Colonial the week beginning December 19.



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TROUBLE OVER THE WHITE SLAVE BILL

Immigration and Interstate Commerce Committees Have Separate Measures.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A bill aiming at the suppression of the "white slave traffic," and imposing imprisonment and heavy fines for anyone importing women into this country for immoral purposes or harboring them after their arrival here, was reported out of the immigration committee today.

The measure is a substitute for the two bills introduced by Representatives Bennett and Sabath and is intended to cover the ground of the bill prepared by Chairman Mann of the interstate commerce commission.

A maximum penalty of ten years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000 is provided for violations.

The bill also covers the interstate traffic in women.

The "white slave" bill introduced by Chairman Mann of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce was considered also at today's meeting of Mr. Mann's committee, but was not acted upon.

The committee will meet again tomorrow.

GUGGENHEIM MERGER.

Stockholders of Utah Copper to Hold Meeting January 6.

New York, Dec. 17.—The stockholders of the Utah Copper company will meet on January 6 to authorize an increase in the capital stock from 750,000 to 2,500,000 shares, for the purpose of acquiring the property of the Boston Consolidated Copper company. The basis of the deal is one share of Utah for two and one-half shares of Boston and such shares of Nevada Consolidated Copper company as may be required to make up the balance.

COUNT BONI STUCK FOR COSTS OF SUIT

Paris, Dec. 17.—The court today decided in favor of the Princess De Sagan in the suit instituted by her former husband, Count Boni De Castellane, who sought an order compelling the defendant to appoint for the youngest of their sons, Jay, a tutor acceptable to the father and who should report to him of the boy's progress. Castellane was condemned to pay the costs.

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authorities from affixing seals on her person. The action of Princess Louise in attempting to have the seals affixed is due to her belief that valuable property belonging to King Leopold is in the villa of the baroness.

The Derniere, one of the staunchest organs that opposed his policy in the Congo, says that "Leopold was of a race that made Caesars, and had all the necessary qualities and faults. There was lacking only a grand theatre for his operations, which modest Belgium did not afford. His whole life was a struggle to obtain in the world the position to which his nature and ambitions aspired. He was intelligent, but his was the intelligence of the potentate, regarding his aims and ends. He was a leader of men, but not of the people."

Staunch Friend of France.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The death of King Leopold of Belgium removes one of the staunchest friends of France. He saved Belgium from France after the war of 1871 and during numerous crises in the history of the third republic never failed to place his sound advice at the disposal of the government.

Despite the pleasure loving follies which marred his career, the French statesman considered the role played by Leopold II in Europe was large and distinctively that of a political peace-maker. He was frequently the counsel of other monarchs and, though he broke with every member of his own family, at times his intervention is believed to have prevented scandal and trouble in many princely houses, notably those of Germany and Austria.

Personally he was extremely fond of France and passed a great portion of his time here. A few years ago he was a familiar figure on the boulevards, at the

No Political Effect.

London, Dec. 17.—It is thought here that the death of King Leopold can have little effect on the political situation of Europe apart from the withdrawal from the relations between England and France of the man who knew the innermost secrets of every state and whose intellectual and practical talents, especially in former years, were drawn upon frequently by brother sovereigns.

All comment here lays at Leopold's door the responsibility for the barbarities committed in the Congo, and it is believed his removal will be followed by new methods of administration in that colony. It is understood that his successor on the throne profited greatly by his recent tour of Africa and that he will be more prompt in agreeing to reforms than was his masterful uncle.

With the death of Leopold the lease of the Lado enclave expires, and Great Britain will resume sovereignty on behalf of the Sudan. This enclave was leased to Leopold during his life to give the Congo access to the Nile.

It was felt in this country that it was a good stroke of policy, at a time when the relations between England and France were strained, to give an independent power a firm footing in the outer reaches of the pathway, whose possession of which was then debatable. The lease led to friction at times as the methods of Congo administration spread through Lado.

Unable to Make Visit.
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17.—Prince Albert

Grief of Princess Louise.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Matin from Brussels says that Princess Louise left Brussels for Brussels at 1 o'clock this (Saturday) morning, having telegraphed Prince Albert and Princess Clementine of her intention to visit the capital. Prior to her departure, the correspondent says Princess Louise made the following statement to him:

"Never can I console myself over the thought that the king died without his children being able to say a last farewell. I know this regret is shared by the whole family. It has been a great sorrow for me to have suffered and to do all I can to effect a reconciliation with my sisters."

SHIP SUBSIDY MATTER.

Texas Congressmen Wants an Inquiry into Charges of Corruption.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charges of corruption against members of congress and of the subsidizing of newspapers for and against ship subsidy which have been made in various American newspapers and periodicals, are recounted in a resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Hardy of Texas, who demands a congressional investigation.

He asks that a committee of "two Democrats and four Republicans, three opposed to ship subsidy and three favoring it," be named to inquire into the subject and learn to what extent money has been spent by those favoring and opposing ship subsidy, and to what extent newspaper writers and lobbyists hired, if any.

The resolution says "serious charges have been made against the honesty and patriotism" of members of congress in connection with the ocean mail bill.